Take this quiz about our school system

How well do you know the Poquoson school system? Do you know who to turn to if your child has a problem? Do you understand how decisions are made and who makes them? Take this quiz to find out. The answers are on page 7.

1. The school board consists of seven members. From the list below, check the names of the current members. Circle the name of the president.

A.V. "Binks" Holloway
Gordon Helsel
Colby Watkins
Fred Riggins
Jean Young
Gerald Patesel
Dick Burnett
Sam Moore
Bill Martin
Liz Ward
Bill Carmines
Gordon Cox
Leone Edgerton
John Hunt
Jimmy Gray Forrest

2. School board members are:

a. Elected by the citizens;
b. Volunteer;
c. Appointed by city council;
d. Selected by the superintendent;

3. Your child fails 4th grade. The principal supports the teacher. You disagree and want to see that your child moves to the 5th grade. What is the correct outcome?

a. Superintendent makes the final decision;
b. Your child returns to 4th grade;
c. Your child moves to 5th grade
d. The school board makes the final decision

4. There are _____ students enrolled in the Poquoson city schools. The school system employs _____ teachers and administrators and _____ support personnel (custodians, maintenance personnel, bus drivers, nurses, secretaries, cooks etc.)

5. The 1980-81 average cost for educating each student in Virginia was: $2,110. The average cost in Poquoson that year was

a. $2,505
b. $1,983
c. $1,561
d. $2,238

6. The 1982-83 school budget is:

a. $4,813,133
b. $3,747,432
c. $5,048,937
d. $2,472,491

7. The local share of this budget is:

a. 50 percent
b. 36 percent
c. 75 percent
d. 20 percent

8. True or False

a. Students will be required to pay a textbook rental fee this school term.
b. Student lunches last year were 80¢ for elementary and 85¢ for middle and high school students.
c. Adult lunches were $1.10.
d. High school students must take a minimum competency test as a requirement for graduation.
e. WHRO-TV, channel 15, is governed by ten local school divisions.
f. Poquoson is one of four Tidewater school systems that owns and governs Peninsula VO-TECH (a vocational technical school for high school students).

9. Select the correct legality governing this situation. Your child ignites a firecracker and tosses it into the men's room where there is a teacher. The teacher confronts your child, who confesses to the deed. The teacher paddles your child.

a. State law prohibits corporal punishment.
b. Corporal punishment may be applied by the principal or assistant principal.
c. The teacher may paddle the student.
d. Only a fellow teacher may apply corporal punishment as a measure to prevent the agrieved teacher from potentially applying excessive force.

10. When your child arrives home with the details, you become irate and decide to pursue the matter. You should first,

a. Call a member of the school board to request help.
b. Call the superintendent to intercede with the teacher.
c. Contact the teacher involved to assess the situation.
d. Visit the principal to follow up.

Public's opinion sought

By Susie Jones

State representative Shirley Cooper held a public forum at the Municipal Building tuesday night. She was there to get the opinions of Poquoson residents on various matters that are expected to come before the Virginia General Assembly during her term.

Mrs. Cooper faced an almost empty room as she discussed recent state budget cuts. She said that she is a strong supporter of education and fears that the budget may be cut further in the education area.

There were also discussions concerning the coal-Surry pipeline, uranium mining and drunk driving. Mrs Cooper said that she supports more stringent enforcement of the drunk driving laws.

Mrs. Cooper announced that she will open a Poquoson office at 454 Wythe Creek Rd. in January.

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